

## CHAPTER TWELVE

# “I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER!”

**God’s HEART** - He LONGS to live with/abide with us (evidenced in all of Scripture)!

David is known as “a man after \_\_\_\_\_”.

**1 Samuel 13:14 NIV**, *But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.*

**Acts 13:22 NIV** *After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’*

**David’s HEART** - He LONGS to live in GOD’s presence!

Psalm 26:8, *David declares, “O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.”*

Psalm 27:4, *David professes this yearning to be the singular drive of his heart, saying, “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple”.*

Psalm 84:1-2, *by the sons of Korah, expresses the same desire: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God,”*

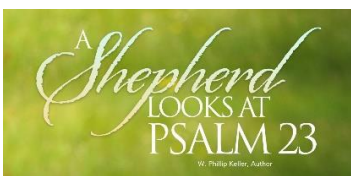
Psalm 84: 10, *“Better is one day in your courts (house) than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather stand [as a doorkeeper] at the threshold of the house of my God than to live [at ease] in the tents of wickedness.”*

Psalm 23:6, *“And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever”*

“For when all is said and done on the subject of a successful Christian walk, it can be summed up in one sentence:

**LIVE EVER AWARE OF GOD’S PRESENCE!**

- Philip Keller



\_\_\_\_\_ **AWARENESS of Christ' presence in my life**  
(evidenced by His Holy Spirit at work in me) I need to be sensitive and responsive to that inner voice. God desires to control, manage and direct every detail of our lives: everything from our behavior to our every decision and action.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AWARENESS that God is all around me**  
(a 'wider' perspective) He is involved and conscious of every circumstance I encounter, every concern I have, and every need I will ever experience.

It's not a QUESTION of IF He is present ... because He IS!

- Let there be a \_\_\_\_\_  
of Christ PRESENCE - within and around me.

I need to \_\_\_\_\_ !

- Allow the Good Shepherd to have full access to me
- Boast to others about how Good my Shepherd is – because He desperately wants them to join the 'flock'!

### **TABLE DISCUSSION:**

1. Boast to others at your table about something good your Shepherd has done in the last year!

It's interesting that the Lord Jesus referred to heaven as 'my Father's house':

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.  
My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am  
going there to prepare a place for you?*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me  
that you also may be where I am.*

*John 14:1-3 NIV*